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HOUSE BILL NO. 528

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ELECTION LAWS; PROHIBITING PARTISAN SUPPORT IN NONPARTISAN JUDICIAL RACES; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Partisan endorsement of nonpartisan judicial candidate unlawful.

(1) A partisan elected official may not endorse, campaign for, or otherwise electioneer for a judicial candidate in a nonpartisan race.

(2) A political party may not endorse, campaign for, or otherwise electioneer for a judicial candidate in a nonpartisan race.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 13, chapter 35, part 2, and the provisions of Title 13, chapter 35, part 2, apply to [section 1].

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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